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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE:  
GUIDANCE FOR US DELEGATION

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR US DELEGATION TO UN OUTER  
SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (STSC)  
MEETING APRIL 15-26 IN NEW YORK. GUIDANCE RELATES TO  
MAJOR ITEMS ON SUBCOMMITTEE'S AGENDA.

2. REMOTE SENSING WORKING GROUP REPORT: (A) NOTWITH-  
STANDING STATEMENT IN WGRS REPORT THAT WG HAS "ACCOMPLISHED  
ITS MANDATE," WE WISH TO KEEP OPTION OPEN OF RECONVENING  
WG SHOULD NEED RISE IN FUTURE. HOWEVER, SINCE WG'S  
WORK HAS BECOME PROGRESSIVELY MORE INTER-DISCIPLINARY, IN  
OUR JUDGMENT QUESTION OF RECONVENING WG SHOULD PASS TO  
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PAREN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE (OSC), TAKING INTO ACCOUNT

INTER ALIA RESULTS OF LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF REMOTE SENSING AT ITS MAY 1974 SESSION. (DEL NEED NOT INITIATE, BUT MAY SUPPORT, STSC RECOMMENDATION THAT OSC ASSUME DIRECT JURISDICTION OVER WGRS AS IT NOW HAS OVER OTHER OSC WORKING GROUP ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES). APART FROM JURISDICTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES, DEL SHOULD ENSURE THAT ANY STSC COMMENT ON WGRS REPORT NOT BEAR PREJUDICIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL-LEGAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO REMOTE SENSING.

(B) IN STSC DISCUSSION OF WGRS REPORT CONCERNING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA, DEL SHOULD POINT TO US INTENTION TO MAINTAIN OPEN DISSEMINATION POLICY DURING EXPERIMENTAL PHASE OF OUR REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM. US REPRESENTATIVE'S FEB 25 STATEMENT TO WGRS MAY BE DRAWN ON AS SEEMS ADVISABLE.

3. UN SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM AND ROLE OF EXPERT :

(A) DEL SHOULD RESIST ANY MOVE WHICH COULD LEAD TO RECOMMENDATION TO GA THAT OVERALL PROGRAM, OR EXPERT'S ROLE AND ACTIVITY BE EXPANDED IN WAYS WHICH WOULD VIOLATE BUDGETARY AND PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1974-75 BIENNium. WE ALSO QUESTION WISDOM OF JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR SECRETARIAT STUDY AND PREPARATION OF "PLAN FOR INCREASING NUMBER OF SPACE EXPERTS IN SECRETARIAT" (USUN 1188), IN VIEW OF OBVIOUS LIKELIHOOD OF SELF-SERVING RESULT. THIS QUESTION MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE APPROPRIATE MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION BY STSC AND OSC, PROVIDED NEED FOR EXPANSION NOT PREJUDGED.

(B) REGARDING EXPERT'S POSSIBLE FUTURE ROLE AND PROGRAM, DEL SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT US NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO SUPPORT CONTINUATION ON PRESENT OR EXPANDED BASIS FOR 1976-77 BIENNium OR BEYOND. CONCERNING POSSIBLE EXPERT'S PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR 1975, DEL SHOULD ADVOCATE VIEW THAT WHATEVER RECOMMENDATIONS STSC MAY MAKE SHOULD INCLUDE ORDERING OF PROGRAM PRIORITIES SO THAT RE-ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES WOULD HOLD FUNDING AT OR CLOSE TO REAL LEVEL FOR 1974-75 BIENNium. WITHIN THAT LIMITATION, WE CAN EN-

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VISAGE POSSIBLE BENEFIT IN SHIFTING EXPERT'S PRIMARY FUNCTION AWAY FROM VERY GENERALIZED "PROMOTIONAL" ACTIVITIES TOWARD MORE SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IF USSR PURSUES ITS REPORTED INTENTION TO PROPOSE THAT EXPERT BE PUT IN CHARGE OF REMOTE SENSING INFORMATION CLEARING HOUSE, DEL SHOULD TAKE OPEN-MINDED ATTITUDE AND SUPPORT INTENSIVE STSC CONSIDERATION OF IDEA.

4. REVIEW OF STSC'S ROLE: DEL SHOULD REITERATE PREVIOUS US VIEW THAT STSC HAS DONE MUCH USEFUL WORK IN PAST. WE AGREE WITH IMPLICATIONS IN OSC REPORT (A/9020 PARA 57) THAT FURTHER REEXAMINATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE'S ROLE MAY BE IN ORDER, BUT NOTE THAT PREEMPTION OF THAT ROLE BY WORKING GROUPS APPARENTLY ENVISAGED BY SOME DELS LAST YEAR SEEMS LESS LIKELY IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING FUTURE RECONVENING OF WGRS. DEL MAY INITIATE OR SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION THAT OSC ON ANNUAL BASIS REVIEW DESIRABILITY

OF CONVENING STSC DURING COMING YEAR; IT MAY BE THAT IN CERTAIN YEARS STSC SESSION WOULD PROVE UNNECESSARY. HOWEVER, DEL SHOULD RESIST ANY RECOMMENDATION FOR ABOLITION OF SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. STSC REPORT: DEPARTMENT FORESEES POSSIBLE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC "CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS" RELATED TO ABOVE TOPICS WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT. ACCORDINGLY, DEL SHOULD MAINTAIN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH WASHINGTON DURING SUBCOMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM. RUSH

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